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To: SC Senator Glenn McConnell
SC Senator Chip Campsen
SC Representative Chip Limehouse

Re: SCE&G

Dear Sirs,

Many residents of the Low Country who have no choice in their electric provider have dutifully replaced their inefficient heat pumps with a higher seer number, added layers and layers of insulation along with insulating their hot water heaters, have double and triple pane air tight windows and doors in addition to keeping their thermostats at 65 degrees or lower during the winter and 80 degrees or higher during the summer. Why? Because they are told by SCE&G that this will help lower their energy bills.

If you believe this, "I have a bridge to sell you"... Each time we try to reduce our electric use, SCE&G requests another rate increase and the Public Service Commission of SC rubberstamps it. (Recently they requested, if my memory serves me correctly, a 17% increase but the uproar over it made the PSC reduce it... no doubt the reduced rate was what the company really wanted in the first place.)

Now the 3rd part of this most recent increase will take place after the PSC meeting in Columbia on March 22, 2012. (To prevent a rebellion they had to divide this last increase into 3 one year increments.)

Look at your bill and you will see an additional rate charge on every kilowatt hour used (WNA) to make sure they get their "pound of flesh" if the weather is extremely fickle and we don't use enough electricity to fill their coffers and pay dividends to their stockholders.

Look at their history and I believe you will find their increases over the last 25 years have exceeded inflation. Who will reign in this behemoth, if not you and your colleagues in the State House?

Sincerely,

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